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16 December 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DULLES  
SUBJECT : N.C.P.C. Vote on Langley

From the fragments that I have been able to pick up from various sources, the following indicates the way the vote of 6 to 4 against Langley was arrived at:

Present and voting against:

Harland Bartholomew  
C. McKim Norton  
Claude W. Owen  
Leon Zack (Office of the Chief of Engineers, USA)

Absent but voting by letter:

Joseph D. Lohman  
Senator Matthew M. Neely, Chairman, Senate Committee on the District of Columbia

Present and voting for:

John A. Remon  
Harold J. Spellman (voting for Mr. Curtiss, Commissioner of Public Roads)  
Lt. Col. Thomas B. Hunter (voting for General Lane, Engineer Commissioner for the District)  
Mr. Kelley (voting for Conrad Wirth, Director of the National Park Service)

At the last minute Congressman Broyhill became concerned about casting his vote on behalf of Congressman McMillan, Chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia, because he had heard that McMillan did not like it. Broyhill was unable to reach McMillan and, therefore, did not attend the meeting and, of course, did not vote. Broyhill tells me that the Planning Commission has given him seven days in which to secure Congressman McMillan's vote and cast it.

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Fred Poorman, Deputy Commissioner of Public Buildings, who normally sits for the Commissioner, was sick and did not attend the meeting. (I have talked to him on the 'phone and believe his absence was legitimate.)

Leonard L. Hunter attended for the Public Buildings Service and when the vote appeared to be getting tight he telephoned PBS lawyers to seek advice as to whether or not he could cast the PBS vote. He was advised not to do so. I could be wrong, but feel reasonably certain that the PBS vote would have been for us if it had been cast.

If Broyhill and PBS had both voted for us it would have been a tie. I have asked Fred Poorman, and he has agreed, to look into this when he gets to the office on Monday. I told him that if they were going to hold the voting open for Congressman McMillan to cast his vote I failed to see why they could not hold it open for PBS to cast a vote.

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